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The following defects have been observed:

Additional claim fees of \$316 as a large entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) for this application is \$316 for a large entity.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$316
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